# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

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GAUGE CONVERSION PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Railways are aware of delay in execution of some of the gauge conversion and doubling projects pertaining to Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any financial assistance from the World Bank has been sought to expedite the pending projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the pending projects are likely to be completed?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) & (b): Projects are being progressed as per the availability of funds, their operational priority and other feasibilities/constraints. At times these works are affected due to delayed supply of materials, slow progress by contractors, heavy monsoon rains etc.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Gauge conversion of Thanjavur-Tiruvarur (54 kms), Kumbakonam-Mayiladuturai (32 kms) & Vridhachalam-Attur (83 kms) and doubling of Korukkupet-Ennore (12 kms) sections are targeted for completion by 31.3.2006. During 2006-07, gauge conversion of Mayiladuturai-Villupuram (122 kms), Attur-Salem (56 kms), Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur ( 61 kms), Tiruvarur-Nagore (30 kms) & Pudukottai-Karaikudi (37 kms) sections are planned for completion.

Target date for completion of work on the balance sections is not yet fixed.